

## MIDDLE REWARDS.

1 Gentleman's solid gold stem-winding and stem-setting, box cases, Elgin Watch.....	\$110 00
2 Beautiful Triple Silver-Plated Tea Sets .....	100 00
1 Lady's Solid Gold Watch.....	100 00
2 Wanner Sewing Machines.....	120 00
5 Solid Coin Silver Hunting Case Watches.....	125 00
3 Open Face Solid Coin Silver Watches.....	60 00
13 Solid Nickel Silver Hunting Case Watches.....	217 00
17 Solid Nickel, Heavy Bevelled Crystal Watches.....	306 00
15 Solid Aluminum Gold Hunting Case Watches.....	225 00
21 Half dozen sets triple plated Tea Spoons.....	147 00
9 Celebrated Waterbury Watches..	45 00
39 Copies, beautifully bound, Tennyson's Poems.....	97 50
27 Triple Silver-Plated Butter Knives.....	27 00

The number one of these rewards will be given to the sender of the middle correct answer of the whole competition, from first to last, and the senders of the highest one hundred and fifty-four correct answers following the middle one, will be awarded the remaining prizes.

And the last comers are not to be overlooked, as there is a long list offered of

## CONSOLATION REWARDS.

1 Gentleman's Solid Gold Hunting-Case (beautifully engraved), Genuine Elgin Watch.....	\$110 00
1 Lady's Solid Gold Hunting Case Watch.....	100 00
1 Elegant Triple Silver-Plated Tea Service.....	100 00
3 Double-Barrelled Breach-Loading Shot Guns, pistol grip, rebounding Locks, all latest improvements, from Chas. Stark's Great Gun House, Toronto.....	300 00
9 Double-Barrelled Breach-Loading Shot Guns, not so highly finished.....	810 00
4 Fine Silk Dress Patterns.....	200 00
15 Fine Black Clamoro Dress Patterns.....	150 00
21 Elegant New Satteen Print Dresses.....	315 00
15 Triple Silver-Plated Cruet Stands.....	120 00
31 Half-Dozen Gentlemen's best linen Pocket Handkerchiefs.....	155 00
29 Half-Dozen Ladies' Fancy Border-ed Pocket Handkerchiefs.....	145 00

Making in all over SIX HUNDRED of the most costly and beautiful premium rewards ever offered by any publisher in the world.

In these consolation rewards the further you live from Toronto the better your chances are for obtaining a reward, as it is the last correct answer received at this office gets number one reward, and the next to the last correct answer, number two, and so on, till all the last or consolation rewards are given out. But bear in mind that the letters must all bear the postmark of office where mailed not later than the closing day of this competition, which is June 10th. You can, therefore, compete if you live in British Columbia, the States or England, or anywhere else, for there a letter will reach here in a thirteenth, ten or fifteen days after the close of the competition, as long as it bears the postmark of the 10th June, in the place where post-mailed. Address S. FRANK WILSON, full 20 Bay Street, Toronto, and don't forget to send your letter after reading this, but send in the 10 answers and dollar at once; and whether you get a prize or not you will be well pleased with your investment. The one will certainly get a prize if your answers are correct and they arrive in time.

There are lots of people going around grumbling, and if sick at the stomach all the time; who might be as happy, if they only used Dr. Carter's Stomach Pills occasionally. It is a splendid Blood Purifier. Druggists 50 cents.

## OUR SCRIPTURAL ENIGMA.

For Bible Students.

No Money Required. Try Your Skill.

## NO. XIV.

We join in the regret that has been more than once expressed that no more than three prizes are given every week. Three does seem a small number when there are so many competitors. The fact is, however, that we cannot well increase that number. The proposition was a volunteer one of our own, and we do not in the least grudge the money. But it takes money, and while we should willingly give a dozen prizes every week we simply cannot afford it. We like the friendly interest and competition that have been awakened by these Enigmas, and hope that they may go on increasing, but in the meantime we must adhere to the three prizes, and however much some of our correspondents have earnestly and good humoredly protested against making the contest only once a month we shall not promise but what it may come to that. In the meantime we shall keep on as we have been doing. A letter has come our way from Chicago which, though intended for Mr. Wilson, may receive a friendly answer here. The writer says that his daughter has, with considerable trouble and care, forwarded correct answers to all the three Biblical questions contests, and yet there is not a solitary subscriber's name in that section of the country mentioned as successful. He seems to think that the contestants about Chicago are not receiving a fair chance. We are sorry for the non-success of any. But as our correspondent says "it is impossible to send prizes to every one," and it is our interest and our wish to have not even the shadow of favoritism in this whole matter. Very few of the successful are known to us, while some who are tolerably intimate friends, though they don't know the fact, have uniformly failed.

We don't know what this Enigma business is coming too. Apparently the number of our correspondents keeps on growing every week, and the answers in many cases show an increased amount of research and thought. The fact is we are in some instances receiving little treatises well thought out, well written, and generally very correct. Our request for explanatory remarks has greatly increased our own labor, for we have not only to ascertain the correctness of the replies and the order of their receipt, but also to read over in some cases whole pages of closely written foolscap in order to decide the issue. We are pleased, however, all the same, for it shows that many in connection with their questions are really studying the Word of God, and that while, no doubt, pleased to get a prize, they are quite satisfied with the pleasurable and profitable exercise even though they fail.

Miss Geddes' answer to No. 11 in verse somehow did not put in an appearance. Sorry.

It would be quite impossible to print all the kind and encouraging words we receive, but some we like to give every week, not because we rather enjoy being doosed with flattery, but because we find no other proof of our work being successful.

A Guelph correspondent voices a very common expression when he says "I long to receive TRUTH every week."

Another says "I hope you are not so wearied in reading your own praises in the letters sent you by the Bible Students that you feel it necessary to brave the task but 'once a month.' Had you seen the blank looks of the family when your announcement in to-day's TRUTH was read at the dinner table, I believe you would at once have registered a vow to give half a dozen every week & that we might have one for each day. I can assure you the only 'weariness' we ex-

perience is in the length of time which must necessarily ensue between each issue, for we all find it such a truly 'profitable and pleasant exercise' that we are loth to think of it being given so seldom as once a month. We individually and collectively imagined that we were pretty well versed in Bible lore, but one after the other has been forced to acknowledge audibly or otherwise that that Book of Books has been read—not carelessly, but with eyes shut to many interesting facts. Another says "I hope the enigmas go on as usual. I would sooner give something towards their support than to have to wait a month."

Another writes from a Prince Edward Island Manse: "We like TRUTH very much though we have had only a few numbers as yet."

Still another in New York State says. "I am a recent subscriber to TRUTH and have become very much interested in the Scriptural Enigmas. I have studied out the answers to several and find the research highly beneficial and a source of great pleasure. I think your plan a very excellent one."

We have room for only another which comes from "Lizzie" in Brussels. She says: "Dear Teacher. I think you have the largest Bible Class in existence. I wonder you are not 'plagued to death' with us all. But as you appear to be importunate I venture to ask a question or two." In reply to "Lizzie" we say that a correct answer is taken whether it happen to have the reference we give or not. We very carefully verify answers when there may be the possibility of two or more correct references. Of course if double or treble references are sent so much the better, but this is not necessary to being thought correct. "Lizzie" adds: "I used to be head in my classes but I seem to be no place in this. When will you have a public examination? When we all stand up together perhaps I'll be able to find out what my number is." Perhaps you will, "Lizzie." In the meantime what is your "other name?"

Now for No. XI. We have had more trouble and spent more time in determining who should have the prizes for this number than in any case before. The answers to the questions were easy enough but the "explanatory remarks" made a very considerable difference, and increased the difficulty greatly.

The correct answer is:—

- Elisha, 2 Kings ii, 10-17.
- Euroclydon, Acts xxvii, 14.
- Lasca, Acts xxvii, 8.
- Isad, Gen. iv, 18.
- Sihon, Numb. xxi, 21-24, Deut ii, 30.
- Huldah, 2 Kings xxii, 13-14, 2 Chron. xxxiv, 22.
- Admah, Deut. xxix, 23.

The successful this week are:

E. F. Hobart, Kingston P. O.  
Mrs. H. P. Cowperthwaite, Cornwall,  
Prince Edward Island.

H. A. Gardner, Carleton Place, Ont.

These friends will get copies of any of the Poets on our list by forwarding 12 cents and their address as well as the No. of the Competition in which they have been successful to Mr. Wilson.

It is more than time we came to No. XIV. As a good many seem to like two Enigmas in the week we so far gratify them.

## I. THE GOVERNOR OF AN ISLAND.

- The wife of a tent maker.
- The country where Job lived.
- A name given to the men of Gibeah.
- An inhabitant of Cyrene.
- One who is described as "a strong ass couching down between two burdens."
- The name of one whom a king caused to be slain in order to obtain his wife.
- An Egyptian whom a King of Israel called to his aid against the Assyrians.

## II. A CAPTAIN OF THE HOST OF ISRAEL AT WHOSE GRAVE A KING LAMENTED.

- One of Jesse's sons who followed Saul to battle.

2. One who was cast into prison for murder.

3. One who showed kindness to David under his persecutions.

4. A young man who fell asleep while the Gospel was being preached.

5. The name of a well.

Let us have some explanatory remarks on these as well. Not long. In many cases the length of such things is not the strength.

All are welcome to compete, whether subscribers or not. The only conditions are priority in sending, accuracy of reply, neatness in writing out, and intelligent acquaintance in explanatory notes. Be sure and not make your remarks long. It is easy to copy a long paragraph from a book. This is not wanted.

EDITOR OF ENIGMA COLUMN.

## Beaver "Kittens"

One dwelling harbors from four to twelve individuals, rarely more, though eighteen or twenty have been noted, all of the same family, but of two generations, representing litters of kittens of two successive years. The young make their appearance usually in May, and are from four to eight in number, five being the average. Queer looking little fellows they are, too, with their heavy heads, big cutting-teeth, flat-tails, and fine mouse-like fur, not yet disfigured by the long, coarse hair so noticeable with adults.

When taken at an early age they are easily domesticated, and are so esteemed as pets in the far West and far countries, that almost every trading post or camp, can exhibit three or four. It is no uncommon occurrence to see one running about an Indian lodge, submitting patiently to the wiles and caprices of the little savages, or joining in their sports, and frequently receiving with the papoose the nourishment from the maternal breast. The cry of the "kitten," too, is so exactly like that of an unweaned child, that one is readily mistaken for the other, even by the initiated. On one occasion I visited a wigwam at Little Traverse, Michigan, for the purpose of viewing a "real, live, baby beaver."

"He cry all same as papoose," remarked the squaw, as she brought the little fellow forward, at the same time giving him an unmerciful pinch, that caused him to set up a doleful little wail, that, had I not been forewarned, I would certainly have believed to proceed from a minute, black-eyed specimen of an aboriginal infant, that, swathed in cloth, beads and bark, and bound fast, mummy-like, to a board, stood leaned up against the wall. By-the-way, do Indian babies ever cry or laugh? I suppose they do occasionally, though I do not remember ever hearing one.—Dr. A. Stockwell, in *Popular Science Monthly*.

## Unclaimed Baggage

"All those old valises belong to tramps," said the baggage-master. "The majority of them will never be called for and will be sold at public auction, because the chances are their aspiring and migratory owners have long since been killed while trying to steal a ride on the truck of a freight train. We allow such freight to remain for a year, and then sell it at auction to the highest bidder. Very often I have had a tramp come into the office and show a receipt for an old valise that had been on hand for at least, eight or ten months. He would open it and take out a comparatively clean shirt and put a soiled one in its place, and then ask me what it would cost to send the valise to Little Rock. I would state the express charge, and then he would say, 'will it cost much more to send it to El Paso?' 'Yes, a little more. 'If I send it to Santa Fe how long will they keep it before it is sold?' 'One year.' 'Well, if that's the case, just send it to Santa Fe; I'll be there in that time. Here is your money, sir.' And, without another word, he will turn and walk out, and you will never see his gentle face again."